

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-15

Owner Canehill Restoration Association

Property Name Pyeatte Mill Site

Address c/o Conrad Russell

Location Highway 45

Box 32, Canehill, AR 72717

Construction Date 1902

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Prominently sited along Highway 45 on the banks of the Jordan Creek, the old mill wheel and remnants of a stone foundation wall are all that remain visible of the Pyeatte Mill. Originally the wheel served a fairly extensive milling operation and the site was occupied by a bulky four-story woodframe building and a number of supporting outbuildings. The area around the thirty-six-foot-diameter steel wheel has been developed as a small roadside park. Unfortunately, the site has been the object of vandalism and both the well and foundations are marred with graffiti.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With its large wheel standing as the only physical reminder of the milling industry that was long prominent in the town's commercial history, the Pyeatte Mill Site contributes substantially to the depiction of Canehill's nineteenth-century heyday. A pioneer of the Canehill community, John Rankin Pyeatte established his first mill in the 1830's on a site north of town on Bush Creek. After the Civil War, Pyeatte, in partnership with his son-in-law William S. Moore, expanded the mill operation by introducing steam machinery into the system. With this expansion, the mill became capable of producing sawn logs and carded wool in addition to the flour and cornmeal that had always been processed and it was soon recognized as the most important milling operation in the area. In 1902, the mill was relocated to its present site on the Jordan Creek where it continued to operate into the 1920's.

Verbal Boundary Description See attachment "A"

Acreage more or less 7 acres

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, AR.

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone <u>15</u>	(A) Easting <u>373535</u>	Northing <u>3973600</u>	(B) Easting <u>373540</u>	Northing <u>3973500</u>
	(C) Easting <u>373500</u>	Northing <u>3973200</u>	(D) Easting <u>373435</u>	Northing <u>3973200</u>
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Verbal Boundary Description NW1/4, NE1/4 of Section 17, T14N, R32W.

Beginning at a point 6 chains 38 links west of Northeast corner of said 40  
acre tract and running thence S 3 1/4 degrees West 20 chains, thence West  
3 chains 90 links, thence North 15 chains, thence East 4 chains 9 links,  
thence North 5 chains, thence East to place of beginning.